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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/773,241
Inventor(s) : John C. Molander *et al.*
Filed : January 31, 2001
Art Unit : 3761
Examiner : Michele M. Kidwell
Docket No. : 8409
Confirmation No. : 6142
Customer No. : 27752
Title : Absorbent Article with Tension-Dividing Side Panels

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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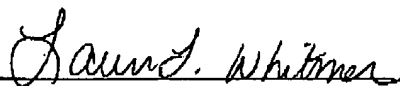
An extension of time is hereby requested under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) for filing a reply in the above-identified application.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the following fee and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company:

One month extension under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1).

Respectfully submitted,

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